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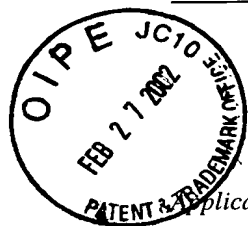
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2.   X   after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

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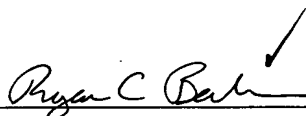
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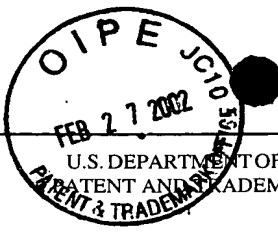
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